Attention, Brokers, Importers, and Software Developers: the International Trade Data System (ITDS) Committee of the Trade Support Network (TSN) needs your input and participation in our new **DDTC Import Trade/PGA Working Group**. The TSN ITDS Committee is chaired by Sandra Scott (Seko Logistics) and Stuart Schmidt (UPS)

Working Group Purpose
The purpose of the DDTC Import Working Group will be to ensure that all stakeholder groups are represented in the technical solution and data elements that will be required by the DDTC in the new cargo release and control functionality for ACE/ITDS. The working group will consist of members of the trade whose businesses are regulated by the Department of State, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) and trade software developers who support the business processes, as well as representatives from DDTC and from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) team that is developing the ITDS software system – the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The transition to the ITDS will result in changes to the way DDTC, CBP, and the members of the trade who import these items do business. Your involvement is needed to ensure that business process changes continue to support efficient trade while complying with the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act (SAFE Port Act) requirement for NHTSA to participate in ITDS.

DDTC's Role/Responsibilities
The Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls is responsible for the export and temporary import of defense articles and services governed by 22 U.S.C. 2778 of the Arms Export Control Act ("AECA") and Executive Order 13637. The International Traffic in Arms Regulations "ITAR" implements the AECA.

Working Group Task
The ACE system will replace the ACS system, and it will require that DDTC specific data be submitted electronically via the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set. DDTC has worked with CBP to identify the specific data elements that will need to be submitted by import filers, as well as the format and content of those data elements, in order to successfully transact business in ACE to comply with the ITDS "single window." The DDTC Working Group will review the PGA Message Set guidance, as well as the impacts that ITDS will have on DDTC's importation business processes.

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